

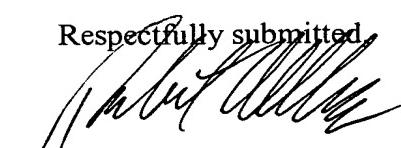
REMARKS

This paper is responsive to the restriction requirement of the Office Action mailed February 10, 2006 (hereinafter "Office Action"). The Office Action identifies two inventions, a Group I (Claims 1-20 and 40-47) drawn to a power conversion apparatus and a Group II (Claims 25-39) drawn to an uninterruptible power supply. Applicant continues to provisionally elect Group II (Claims 25-39), and continues traversal of the restriction requirement, as the Office Action appears to not have made the restriction requirement final.

The Office Action continues to assert "Group I and Group II are related as combination and subcombination." Office Action, p. 2. This is incorrect, as Claim 25 is not a subcombination of Claim 1. As noted in Applicant' prior response filed December 23, 2005, "a combination is an organization of which a subcombination or element is a part." See MPEP 810.05(a). In particular, ***Claim 25 contains additional elements to those recited in Claim 1, such that it is not a "part" of Claim 1.*** Therefore, Claim 25 is not a subcombination of Claim 1. In fact, as noted in Applicant's prior response, Claim 1 of Group I is a ***subcombination*** with respect to Claim 25, and the requirements for two-way distinctness between these claims required to support restriction of such a combination/subcombination relationship is not present.

Applicant notes that there is an apparent contradiction between the "Respond to Argument" section and the "Restriction Requirement" section on page 2 of the Office Action. The "Respond to Argument" section appears to acknowledge that Claim 1 stands in relation as a subcombination of the combination recited in Claim 25. However, this appears to be at odds with the combination/subcombination relationship alleged in the "Restriction Requirement" section, which, as noted above, appears to assert that Claim 25 is a subcombination of Claim 1. Applicant also points out that the Office Action omits any requirement regarding Claims 21-24 and 48. Accordingly, if the restriction requirement is maintained, Applicant respectfully requests clarification of the restriction requirement before making such requirement final.

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